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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE NO 49/OSA DATED SEPT 3 HANDED ME  
BY ZARUBIN TODAY.

SOVIET GOVT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO STATE TO GOVT OF USA  
THE FOLLOWING:

RECENTLY IN AIR SPACE OF SOVIET UNION THERE HAVE BEEN CAUGHT  
SEVERAL AERIAL BALLOONS WITH APPARATUS HANGING TO THEM WHICH  
INCLUDES AUTOMATIC PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMERAS FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY  
OF LOCALITIES, RADIO RECEIVERS AND TRANSMITTERS ETC. AN  
EXAMINATION OF APPARATUS SHOWS THAT IT WAS MANUFACTURED IN  
USA AND THAT LAUNCHING OF BALLOONS WAS CARRIED OUT BY AIR  
FORCES OF USA. IN PARTICULAR THIS IS EVIDENCED BY MARKS ON  
SEVERAL PARTS OF APPARATUS.

AS IS KNOWN SOVIET GOVT IN PAST ALREADY ADDRESSED ITSELF TO  
GOVT OF US WITH DEMAND TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO CEASE  
LAUNCHING OF AMERICAN BALLOONS INTO AIR SPACE OF SOVIET UNION.  
SOVIET GOVT POINTED OUT THEN THAT FLYING OF AMERICAN AERIAL  
BALLOONS OVER TERRITORY OF USSR REPRESENTED CRUDE VIOLATION  
OF AERIAL SPACE OF SOVIET UNION AND WAS VIOLATION OF UNIVERSALLY  
RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW ACCORDING TO WHICH  
EACH STATE HAS FULL AND EXCLUSIVE SOVEREIGNTY IN RELATION  
TO AERIAL SPACE ABOVE ITS TERRITORY.

IN REPLYING TO MESSAGE OF SOVIET GOVT ON THIS QUESTION, GOVT  
OF US DECLARED IN ITS NOTE OF FEB 8, 1956 THAT IT WILL TAKE  
MEASURES TO PREVENT IN THE FUTURE LAUNCHING OF AERIAL BALLOONS  
WHICH MIGHT FLY OVER TERRITORY OF SOVIET UNION.

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"IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE SOVIET GOVT AGAIN PROTESTS TO GOVT OF USA AGAINST LAUNCHING OF AMERICAN BALLOONS INTO AERIAL SPACE OF USSR AND EXPECTS THAT FROM SIDE OF GOVT OF USA THERE WILL BE TAKEN IMMEDIATE MEASURES FOR CESSATION OF SIMILAR ACTIONS OF AMERICAN AUTHORITIES."

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